

CPS Investigator Post Academy Course Descriptions

Domestic Violence

Length: 4 Hours

Type: Classroom

Trainer: TBD

Description: This course identifies the indicators that domestic violence may be present in the home and how to respond to a home in such instance. Additionally, this course will identify and describe the impact domestic violence has on children.

Drug Exposed Children

Length: 2 Hours

Type: Classroom

Trainer: TBD

Description: This course explores the medical and developmental affects neonatal exposure to various drugs and the impact of parental substance abuse on early childhood development. Additionally, the impact of alcohol and tobacco on children will be discussed.

Introduction to Disabilities

Length: 2 Hours

Type: Classroom

Trainer: TBD

Description: This course examines common disabilities CPS Investigators may come across in the field. Disabilities will be explored from both a historical and cultural perspective. A discussion of common myths and susceptibility to victimization for children with disabilities will also be examined.

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Identifying Physical Abuse and Neglect Advanced

Length: 4 Hours

Type: Classroom

Trainer: TBD

Description: This course increases knowledge of how to identify physical abuse and neglect through observations and communications with child victims and alleged perpetrators. Additionally, this course will provide the medical perspective on child abuse and neglect and how to review and utilize medical reports in an investigation.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Length: 4 Hours

Type: Classroom

Trainer: TBD

Description: This course will identify common mental health diagnoses commonly seen by child protective service investigators. Behavioral indicators of various diagnoses will be explored as well as common medications utilized and their side effects. The combination of mental health issues with alcohol and drug abuse will also be discussed. Additionally, resources across the state will be highlighted which may assist with an investigation.

Nutritional Neglect

Length: 2 Hours

Type: Classroom

Trainer: TBD

Description: This course explores basic nutrition education and the physical and intellectual milestones children reach as they age. The effects of nutritional neglect has on early childhood development will also be discussed. Additionally, available supports for the family and how to access such services will be identified.

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Safety and Risk

Length: 4 Hours

Type: Classroom

Trainer: TBD

Description: This course will examine the differences between looking at immediate safety issues and long term risk needs for children and families. Discussions around issue driven versus incident driven investigations will take place as well as how the use of assessment tools inform decisions on safety and risk issues.

Talking to Kids

Length: 16 Hours

Type: Classroom

Trainer: TN Chapter, CAC

Description: This course provides information on how to build and strengthen skills for interacting with and gathering information from children who have been reported as being abused or neglected.